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SUMMARY: PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA HAVE FURTHER ELUCIDATED THE PURPOSE AND PRIORITIES OF THE REGIME'S CURRENT POLICIES WITH REPEATED REFERENCES TO A PROGRAM THAT IS CLEARLY GEARED TO BUILDING A "POWERFUL MODERN SOCIALIST INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY." STRESS CONTINUES TO BE PLACED ON PROPER LEADERSHIP PRACTICES AND THE NECESSITY OF STUDY TO ENSURE "STABILITY AND UNITY." ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PEKING IS DEVOTING CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTENTION TO EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR GRUNK AND PRINCE SIHANOUK, ALL THE WHILE LAMBASTING THE SOVIET RECORD ON CAMBODIA. THE SPECIAL AMNESTY OF FORMER KMT "WAR CRIMINALS" CONTINUES TO RECEIVE HEAVY PROPAGANDA PLAY WITH THEIR DUTY TO WORK FOR THE LIBERATION AND REUNIFICATION OF TAIWAN A CENTRAL THEME.
END SUMMARY

1. NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLAN

REFLECTING THE 1975 ECONOMIC PLAN PRESENTED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS LAST WEEK (WR 12), NCNA (MARCH 25) HIGHLIGHTS A MARCH RED FLAG ARTICLE ON THE CURRENT NATIONAL PRIORITY FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM "TO BUILD CHINA SOONER INTO A POWERFUL MODERN SOCIALIST INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY." THE ORDER OF DEVELOPMENT TASKS IS REITERATED TO BE "AGRICULTURE, LIGHT INDUSTRY," HEAVY INDUSTRY." HOWEVER, IT IS SPELLED OUT THAT HEAVY INDUSTRY--BECAUSE IT PRODUCES FOR BOTH AGRICULTURE AND LIGHT INDUSTRY--WILL STILL GET THE LION'S SHARE OF FUNDS AND MATERIAL. HEAVY INDUSTRY IS BOOSTED AS THE MEANS FOR CARRYING OUT THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE RURAL ECONOMY WITH MECHANIZATION AND CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS AS KEY ELEMENTS. THE ARTICLE LINKS THIS TRANSFORMATION WITH THE GOAL OF REDUCING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WORKER AND PEASANT, TOWN AND COUNTRY, AND THEREBY THE GRADUAL RESTRICTION AND ULTIMATE ABOLITION OF "BOURGEOIS RIGHTS." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. DICTATORSHI

THE SECOND EDITORIAL ON THE DICTATORSHIP CAMPAIGN (WR 7) PUT THE STAMP OF APPROVAL ON STUDY WITH THE MARX-ENGELS-LENIN QUOTATION COLLECTION NOW COMING IN FOR MORE ATTENTION (HK 3006). PROVINCIAL CALLS, WHICH TO SOME EXTENT PRECEDED THE EDITORIAL (WR 12), ARE NOW ECHOING EDITORIAL DEMANDS FOR LEADERSHIP CADRES TO GET CENTER INSTRUCTIONS RIGHT. EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT PEOPLE MAY GET OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT ON "BOURGEOIS RIGHTS," TACHAI BRIGADE PARTY BRANCH SECRETARY KUO FENG-LIEN (WR 12) TOLD A KIANGSI AUDIENCE THAT STUDY IS NECESSARY TO PREPARE THE PEOPLE TO ESIST NATURAL TEMPTATIONS TO FOLLOW THE "CAITALIST ROAD" ONCE THEY BECOME MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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PROSPEROUS, THE RESULT OF BECOMING A "POWERFUL MODERN SOCIALIST" COUNTRY (HK 3161). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. OTHER MOVES

SETTING FORTH SOME PARTS OF THE ENERAL PROGRAM PACKAGE TO SOLVE OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC AND SOCIO/POLITICAL PROBLEMS, THE REGIME HAS BEGUN TO DEFINE MEASURES TO ACHIEVE THEIR END-OF-THE-CENTURY DEVELOPMENT GOAL. CONTINUING TO EXTOL DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS RETURNING TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO BECOME PEASANTS (HK 2011), A SINKIANG DAILY EDITORIAL (MARCH 22 BROADCAST) WAS FOLLOWED WITH A MARCH 25 NCNA ITEM ON THE SUBJECT. IN SHANTUNG, PARTY DEPUTY SECRETARY SU I-JAN CALLED FOR IMPOSING LABOR QUOTAS, THE FIST MOVE WE HAVE NOTED TOWARD THIS MEANS OF REGULATING THE ALL-OUT PRODUCTION

DRIVE WITHOUT USING THE DISFAVORED POLICY OF "MATERIAL INCENTIVES" (HK 2580). AT THE LEARNING FROM TACHAI CONFERENCE IN KIANGSI, THE QUESTION OF CADRE LABOR WITH THE MASSES WAS IMPLICITLY LINKED TO AGE REVISIONS (HK 2600). THE SPEAKER NOTED THAT CADRES AT TACHAI WORKED WITH THE MASSES IN THE FIELDS AND THERE WAS THEREFORE VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN REMUNERATION (MARCH 23 BROADCAST). IT WAS HONAN, HOWEVER, WHICH PUT CURRENT REGIME THINKING MOST SUCCINCTLY WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT THE TRANSITION FROM BOURGEOIS RIGHTS TO COMMUNISM REQUIRES BOTH AWARENESS OF THEORY AND "EXTREMELY RICH MATERIAL CONDITIONS" (MARCH 24 BROADCAST). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. MASS ORGANIZATIONS BEING REBUILT AT CENTER

CONFIRMING EARLIER SPECULATION (HK 2359), NCNA REPORTED THAT PRELIMINARY MEETING HAVE BEEN HELD IN PEKING TO PREPARE FOR HOLDING NATIONAL CONGRESSES FOR THREE OF CHINA'S FOUR TRADITIONAL MASS ORGANIZATIONS -- TRADE UNIONS, WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, AND COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE (HK 2962). THE FOURTH, THE PEASANT'S ASSOCIATION, IS STILL IN THE REFORMING STAGE WITH ONLY EIGHT PROVINCIAL UNITS COMPLETED. HOWEVER, ATTENTION AT THE CENTER MAY SERVE TO PUSH ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THEIR PROVINCES, WITH SZECHWAN AND TSINGHAI BOTH REPORTING SUB-PROVINCIAL PEASANT CONGRESS MEETINGS IN PROGRESS (MARCH 23 BROADCASTS). UNCLASSIFIED

5. BREAD AND CIRCUSES

THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE IS SPONSORING A 16- PROVINCE TOUR OF PEKING REVOLUTIONARY OPERA (NCNA MARCH 21), THE FIRST SUCH PROVINCIAL TOUR SINCE 1972-- ALSO A YEAR OF POLITICAL CONSOLIDATION AND FOCUS ON ECONOMIC ADVANCE. THE CENTRAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY IS ALSO ON A PROVINCIAL TOUR. IN A RECIPROCAL EFFORT, LOCAL PROVINCIAL OPERATIC OFFERINGS ARE

BEING PRESENTED AT A PEKING THEATRICAL FESTIVAL WHICH BEGAN FEBRUARY 12 (RADIO PEING MARCH 20). THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF CHIANG CHING'S NAME IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE CULTURAL EVENTS. MEANWHILE THREE FIGURES WITH THE FORMER CULTURAL GROUP UNDER THE STATE COUNCIL HAVE SUCCESS-
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FULLY MADE THE TRANSITION TO THE NEWLY RECONSTITUTED MINISTRY OF CULTURE; WANG MAN-TIEN, HAO LINAG AND LIU CHIN- TANG. ALL THREE WERE IDENTIFIED AS LEADING MEMBERS OF THE MINISTER THIS PAST WEEK. UNCLASSIFIED

6. LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES AND PROMOTIONS

POLITBURO IDEOLOGUE YAO WEN-YUAN CONTINUES IN HIGH PROFILE FOLLOWING HIS MARCH RED FLAG ARTICLE (WR 10) AND DURING THE WEEK MET SEPARATE PRESS DELEGATIONS FROM KOREA AND ITALY (MARCH 19 AND 21 RESPECTIVELY). ALSO IN THE CAPITAL, YANG KUEI, FORMER PARTY LEADER IN HONAN'S LIN COUNTY-- HOME OF THE FAMOUS RED FLAG CANAL-- WAS GROUPED BETWEEN TWO ALREADY IDENTIFIED VICE MINISTERS OF PUBLIC SECURITY ON THE MARCH 23 OCCASION OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE YEH CHIEN-YING'S GREETING OF THE AMNESTY RECIPIENTS IN PEKING', SUGGESTING YANG TOO IS A VICE MINISTER. UNCLASSIFIED

7. IN THE PROVINCES, PU CHAN-YA, THE FORMER CHANTON MR DEPUTY POLITICAL COMMISSARY TARGETED FOR ATTACK IN LAST YEAR'S CRITICISM CAMPAIGN BUT WHO HAD ALREADY RESURFACED IN KANSU IN 1973, HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED WITH THE SAME EARLIER MR RANK IN THE LANCHOW MR (TSINGHAI MARCH 13 BROADCAST). INNER MONGOLIA HAS A NEW PARTY SECRETARY WITH THE SAME EARLIER MR RANK IN THE LANCHOW MR (TSINGHAI MARCH 13 BROADCAST). INNER MONGOLIA HAS A NEW PARTY SECRETARY WITH PAO JIH LE TAI BEING IDENTIFIED IN THAT POSITION IN A MARCH 16 BROADCAST. SHE HAS RISEN RAPIDLY SINCE HER FIRST IDENTIFICATION AS A STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER IN JULY 1974. UNCLASSIFIED

8. THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE SUPERPOWERS

AFTER CANCELLING ITS FIRST RELEASE ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS, NCNA MARCH 24 LATER CARRIED A SOMEWHAT EDITED VERSION CITING BOTH EGYPTIAN FOMIN FAHMI AND THE WHITE HOUSE AS STATING THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD FAILED. NCNA PUT THE BLAME SQUARELY ON THE SUPERPOWERS, BOTH OF WHOM IT SAID HAVE TRIED TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM " IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN WILL". THE KISSINGER MISSION FAILED BECAUSE IT "CONNIVED AT ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION AND RAN COUNTER TO THE ARAB PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS". THE LONGER, CANCELLED NCNA VERSION INCLUDED
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PRAVDA QUOTES CCONDEMNING THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH ADVOCATED BY THE US, PRESIDENT SADAT'S DECLARATION "ON MANY OCCASIONS". THAT HE WOULD NOT ANNOUNCE THE END OF THE WAR AS LONG AS A SINGLE ISRAELI SOLDIER REMAINS ON EGYPTIAN TERRITORY, AND FONMIN FAHMI'S STATEMENT ON EGYPTIAN RESOLVE TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION IF ISRAEL ATTACKS SYRIA. NONE OF THE DELETED MATERIAL APPEARS SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH FOR THE ORIGINAL ITEM TO HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. APPARENTLY IT WAS RECALLED FOR TOP-LEVEL CLEARANCE, EDITED SLIGHTLY, THEN RELEASED (NCNA, MARCH 24). LMMITED OFFICIAL USE

9. CMABODIA

CHINA STARTED THE WEEK OFF WITH A PEOPLE'S DAILY BLAST AT RUSSIA'S IVAN-COME-LATELY SUPPORT FOR THE CAMBODIANS (HK 2992). THEN PEKING WENT ALL OUT MARCH 22 TO CELEBRATE THE GRUNK'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND IMMINENT VICTORY WITH A MESSAGE FROM CHU TEH AND CHOU EN-LAI, ANOTHER PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL, A SPEECH BY CHIAO KUAN-HUA, AND SPIRITED EXCERPTS FROM SIHANOUK, ALL CONFIRMING CHINA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR GRUNK AND OPPOSING ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH LON NOL OR HIS ASSOCIATES (HK 3023, HK 3137). NCNA ALSO REPORTED THE GREETINGS TO GRUNK BROADCAST BY THE "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND". WHICH CLAIMED THE GRUNK VICTORIES HAVE "SET A BRILLIANT EXAMPLE FOR THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES, WHO ARE WAGING REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE" AND PROMISED THAT THE THAI PEOPLE WILL "PERSIST IN REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE" (NCNA, MARCH 18-26). CONFIDENTIAL

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10. VIETNAM

NCNA COVERAGE OF THE RAPIDLY-DEVELOPING SITUATION IN VIETNAM WAS LIMITED TO REPLAYS OF PRG AND HANOI RELEASES. NCNA HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY COMMENTARY OF ITS OWN. THE HONG KONG COMMUNIST-OWNED WEN WEI PAO, HOWEVER, IN A MARCH 26 COMMENTARY DEPICTED THE VIETCONG ADVANCE AS A PUNISHMENT OF THE US AND THIEU REGIME FOR HAVING VIOLATED THE PARIS ACCORDS AND PREDICTED THAT IT WILL LEAD TO THE OVERTHROW OF THIEU (NCNA, MARCH 18-26). CONFIDENTIAL

11. AMNESTIED KMT "WARNURIMINALS"

THE AMNESTY GRANTED TO THE FINAL BATCH OF 293 KMT "WAR CRIMINALS" (WR 12) CONTINUES TO RECEIVE HEAVY PROPAGANDA PLAY IN THE PRC MEDIA, WITH BOTH NCNA AND THE HONG KONG COMMUNIST PRESS FEATURING SUBSEQUENT ACTIVITIES OF THE RELEASEES. THE MARCH 26 HONG KONG COMMUNIST PAPERS CARRIED TWO RELEASEE LETTERS TO CHAIRMAN MAO AND THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF STARTING A SECOND LIFE AND FOR THEIR EXCELLENT TREATMENT AS PRISONERS AND PLEDGING TO WORK FOR THE LIBERATION AND REUNIFICATION OF TAIWAN. THE FIRST LETTER WAS SIGNED BY HUANG WEI, THE SENIOR RELEASEE, WHILE THE SECOND WAS SIGNED ON BEHALF OF 13 OF THE RELEASEES BY WEN CHIANG, WHO WAS AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER UNDER THE NOTORIOUS TAI LI. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE SECOND GROUP MIGHT ALL BE FORMER INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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SLATED FOR SOME SPECIAL TREATMENT. THE LOCAL KMT CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY DIRECTOR HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT THE RELEASEES WOULD BE WELCOMED TO TAIWAN IF ANY OF THEM TAKE UP THE PRC OFFER TO PERMIT THEM TO GO. IN ANY CASE, THE RELEASE APPEARS MORE AND MORE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD TAIWAN AND INDICATES A PRC PROPAGANDA TREND TOWARDS THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION THEME (HK 3096, 3004, 2924, 2882 AND 2862). CONFIDENTIAL

12. AFRICA

UNDERSCORING CHINESE INTEREST IN CONTINUING TO PRESS FOR ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE ONLY MEANS FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, NCNA THIS WEEK CARRIED REPLAYS OF NUMEROUS AFRICAN LEADERS ON THE DEATH OF ZANU LEADER HERBERT CHITEPO, WHO WAS "BRUTALLY MURDERED BY THAZIAN SMITH REGIME." NCNA PLEDGED THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE, CONDEMNED THE "FRAUD OF RECONCILIATION" PROPOSALS BY THE SMITH GOVERNMENT, AND ENCOURAGED ARMED STRUGGLE. NCNA ALSO DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHU PEVILLE MASSACRE. CURRENTLY IN PEKING ARE OLIVER TAMBO, PRESIDENT OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF

SOUTH AFRICA, WHO ARRIVED MARCH 23, AND SAMUEL CHIWALE OF THE NATIONAL UNION FOR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA) WHO ARRIVED MARCH 19. NCNA HAS NOT REPORTED ON THEIR ACTIVITIES SINCE THEIR ARRIVALS (NCNA, MARCH 20-25).
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13. RESOURCES

UNIDO--AT THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION BEING HELD IN LIMA, CHINA CONTINUED TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSALS OF "THE GROUP OF 77" IN ITS "HEAD-ON STRUGGLE" AGAINST THE SUPERPOWERS. CHINA ATTACKED BOTH THE USSR AND THE US FOR ALLEGEDLY OBSTRUCTING, EACH IN ITS OWN WAY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNITY AND VIGILANCE AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THUS WEAKENING THEIR STRUGGLE. THE PRC ALSO USED THE CONFERENCE TO PROXQTE THE CLAIMS OF THE PRG AND GRUNK TO BE SOLE AND RIGHTFUL REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES (NCNA, MARCH 18-26).
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14. LAW OF THE SEAS--THE NCNA WRAP-UP OF THE FIRST WEEK OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AGAIN VOICED SUPPORT FOR THE UNITY OF THE GROUP OF 77. THE PRC REP BACKED SPAIN ON RESTRICTION OF TERRITORIAL SEA STRAITS TRANSIT RIGHTS TO "INNOCENT PASSAGE" AND THEN PROCEEDED TO DEAL WELL-BALANCED BLOWS TO THE US AND THE USSR FOR THEIR POSITIONS ON THE EXPLOITATION OF SEABEDS AND ADMINISTRATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTALLATIONS RESPECTIVELY (NCNA, MARCH 23). UNCLASSIFIED

15. EUROPEAN UNITY AND THE SOVIET THREAT

IN KEEPING WITH THEIR EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE EEC (HK 281), THE PRC HAS INVITED EEC VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES TO VISIT PEKING IN EARLY MAY (USMISSION BRUSSELS 2428). NCNA MARCH 21 CARRIED AN ARTICLE CRITICAL OF THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY'S STANCE ON BRITISH EEC MEMBERSHIP, ESPECIALLY AS COMPARED TO THE CONSERVATIVES HAVING "PERSISTENTLY STOOD FOR BRITAIN'S UNION WITH WESTERN EUROPE." ON MARCH 20, NCNA ALSO CRITICIZED THE BRITISH "WHITE PAPER" ON DEFENSE, CITING THE PAPER ITSELF ON THE EXPANSION OF SOVIET NAVAL FORCES AND CLAIMING THAT THE DEFENSE CUTS "HAVE CAUSED SERIOUS CONCERN AMONG OTHER NATO MEMBERS." IN CONTRAST, NCNA IN SEPARATE ARTICLES APPROVINGLY REPORTED THE FRG INCREASED DEFENSE BUDGET, MENTIONING ESPECIALLY THAT THE CDU HAS "CONSISTENTLY STRESSED THE NEED TO BE VIGILANT AGAINST THE SOVIETS", AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED US

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